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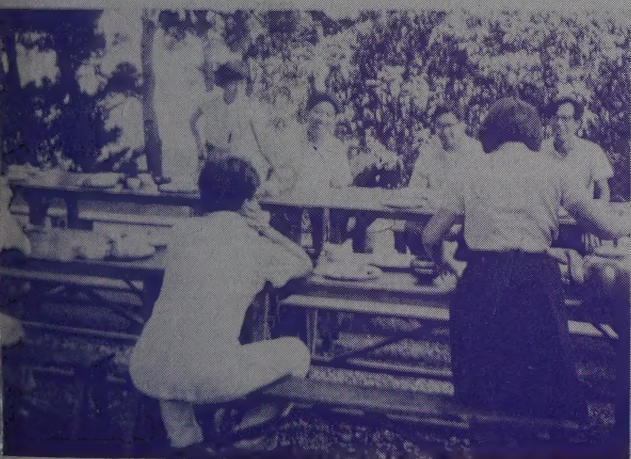
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At three regional camps for high school age youth, the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor enlisted 104 new members. Decisions included 22 to be evangelists, 39 to be Christian in their lives, and 12 for baptism, according to report of Kojiro Hata, chairman.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary . . .

UNBELIEVABLE INDIA

Some of Dr. Francis E. Clark's most vigorous superlatives appear in his writings about Christian Endeavor in India. I could hope that each one of you might some day spend at least a "week in unbelievable India" as the travel agents put it. Even superlatives are weak when one attempts to tell of Christian Endeavor in that land.

It has been my happy privilege to travel in twenty-seven overseas countries and to see Christian Endeavor in action in most of them. But Christian Endeavor in India has a colorful romance about it that makes it distinctive. And the enthusiasm of these young Christians is a living sermon for all to heed. India Christian Endeavor enjoys a special kinship with Christian Endeavor in the United States, for the late Vere Abbey was truly a Christian Endeavor missionary from America to India. The Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union has long been actively concerned about Christian Endeavor work in India and even now, as it has for many years, it supports the work of a travelling secretary.

The brief time I was able to spend in India early this year was jammed with welcomes, teas, receptions, meetings, rallies, processions—each one different from the last, and each one a tremendously moving experience. It began with my being welcomed at the Meenambakkam Airport, in Madras, by a welcoming party who would not be strangers to me, nor I to them, for very long. In the party, with others, were Rev. E. Tychicus, general secretary of the India Union and vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union; Mr. James D. Isaac, travelling secretary; Rev. Titus Ebenezer, president of the India Union, and others.

Then began a whirlwind series of seven days that took me to Valacheri, Madras City, Arkonam, Ranipet, and Vellore. The Working Committee of the India Union, along with the officers of the several district unions, had planned for every minute of every day, and sometimes well into the night. The officers of the North Tamil Provincial Union and the leaders of the Advent Christian Mission C. E. Union were busy beavers too in arranging many things.

Space precludes mentioning every experience, and one runs the risk of appearing to slight some. My most vivid impressions were of the "mike" meeting held in the compound of the American Advent Christian Mission, Valacheri. Here children and young people gave Bible demonstrations, sang the Scriptures, gave testimonies—all in a great open field before a gaily flower-bedecked rostrum from which the program was amplified to a great throng that extended beyond one's vision.

One of the fearless approaches to the non-Christian community is the colorful and musical procession that precedes Christian gatherings. This was best demonstrated in the city of Arkonam where there was a great meeting in the compound of St. Andrews School, where the Headmaster is the Reverend Solomon Doraisawmy, known to many North Americans from his stay here some years ago. Throughout the city were hung welcome signs and flowered arches. A great procession wended its way through the city, headed by the pastor, with the Junior Christian Endeavor boys singing under the direction of the Bible women. Some were playing on the bells and the drums that I have heard only in India. As they marched they sang, repeating many times an invitation: "Jesus can save you from your sins. O come, and taste of His salvation." By the time we reached the meeting place, there were many in the procession who were not Christians but who were responding to the invitation to come and to hear.

Indian customs make welcomes and farewells moving experiences indeed. One of my treasured possessions from my visit is a beautiful garland made of thousands of cloves and hundreds of rare nuts, laboriously put together by two Christian sisters, taking them two full days to complete the task. It is but one of a host of colorful and beautiful garlands showered upon me.

One of the high spots of my brief stay was a visit to the residence of the Bishop of Madras, the Church of South India, Right Reverend David Chellappa, a Christian Endeavor enthusiast. He is a great spiritual leader to millions.

An unbelievable witness is being made by Christian Endeavor in unbelievable India. "For Christ and the Church" is more than a slogan there—it is a vital program of action.

Harold Westerhoff

Is a Citizenship Activity Included in Your Program?

TRY ONE OF THESE:

Clean-up or traffic safety campaign
Reception for new citizens

Playground or Junior Christian Endeavor society for underprivileged children

Study of dangers of alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics and campaign against their use

Planned visits to local government agencies

Get-out-the-vote campaign

Christian citizenship window display

Participation in Know Your America Week

Crusade against gambling or obscene literature

All-American dinner or similar activity for representatives of different races

Prayer group to pray for government leaders

Volunteer service for the sick, aged, or confined in community

Family stay-at-home nights

Promotion of Christian activities on the Lord's Day

TO ENTER AWARDS PROGRAM

Study the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and select some significant Christian citizenship activity. Organize the society for action and complete the activity by February 5. Keep full records of objectives and plans and accomplishments.

Detach the entry form at the right, fill out, and attach materials describing the activity—written report, photographs, press clippings, drawings, commendations, etc.

Mail the entry form and all accompanying materials to the Citizenship Director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by February 5, 1962. All entries will be acknowledged.

IMPORTANT! DO NOT SEND ENTRY UNTIL PROJECT IS COMPLETED! SUBMIT MATERIALS DESCRIBING THE ACTIVITY WITH THE ENTRY FORM.

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For a well-rounded program, every Christian Endeavor society should include an emphasis on Christian citizenship.

Each year the International Society of Christian Endeavor sponsors a Citizenship Awards Program to inspire youth to witness and to serve together for Christ and the Church in their home community and to encourage them to explore the wider dimensions of Christian citizenship and to uphold Christian principles in all their daily relationships.

This program is open to all Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups or combinations of such groups in local churches in the United States and Canada. The majority of the members of participating societies must be under 25 years of age.

Each entrant must sponsor and report a completed Christian citizenship activity begun after March 1, 1961. All entries must be postmarked by February 5, 1962.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards for the winners include \$200 in cash to the group taking first place, with a grant (to a maximum of \$200) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives (members of the award-winning society) to attend the International Summer Assembly at Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, July 2-7, 1962.

Second place award is \$150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$150) for expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Assembly. Other awards are: third place, \$100; fourth, \$75; fifth, \$50; next 20 runners-up, \$25 each. Plaques will be presented to the top 25 winners, with honor certificates to all other qualified entrants.

Each activity will be evaluated on the basis of group participation, the goals established or achieved, the manner in which it implements the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and Christian witness to the community. Areas of concern suggested in this folder are: home relationships, civic responsibilities, wholesome recreation, race relationships, narcotics, gambling, obscene literature, and observance of the Lord's day. Possible activities are listed in the column at the left.

Winning societies will be announced April 25, with the Albert H. Diebold Awards scheduled for presentation during the Assembly sessions in Huntington July 2-7.

For a copy of the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and a folder giving all details of the Awards Program, write to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

ENTRY FORM (Print or type in full)

(Valid only if postmarked no later than February 5, 1962, and received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, by February 16, 1962)

Please enter the citizenship activity described in the attached materials in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program.

(Name of society or group)

(Name of church)

(Address of church)

(Name and address of person sending entry)

(Your office or position in society or church)

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

All entries become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. All participating societies or groups agree to abide by the decisions of the judges, which are final.

New Outdoor Poster Design for 1962

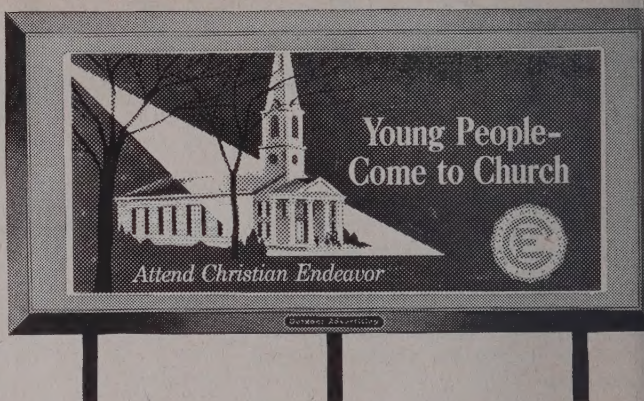
This brand new poster, attractively printed in two shades of blue and in black, will bring the message of Christ and the Church along streets and highways of the United States and Canada in 1962. These posters will appear in January and February as part of Christian Endeavor's Outdoor Poster Program.

Each year thousands of dollars of valuable space is made available through contribution postings by local poster plant owners, who are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

Each state or provincial union names a chairman to guide the program. Gifts from individuals and from societies, churches, and local unions make the program possible.

Again the November 15 deadline for union chairmen to order the posters from the International Society of Christian Endeavor is in effect. Cost of the posters is \$5.00 each.

Endeavorers should contact union leaders to learn how they can have a part in the evangelism outreach of the Outdoor Poster Program in 1962.



A Miniature One-Color Illustration
of the New Three-Color Poster

"Called to Christian Freedom" 1962 Christian Endeavor Week Theme

Christian Endeavorers will mark the 81st birthday of the movement on February 2!

Since 1914 Christian Endeavor Week, which will be January 28 to February 4 next year, has been observed annually. In more recent years similar Protestant youth organizations have joined in celebrating this event as Christian Endeavor Week-Youth Week.

Many suggestions for the observance of Christian Endeavor Week are in the 1962 Packet which is now available from the International Society. Included are:

—**A Manual for Guidance and Resource**, prepared by Rev. Christian A. Tirre, formerly field secretary of the Kentucky Union, now a United Presbyterian minister in Ohio. The manual gives suggestions for various events of the week, an order of worship for Christian Endeavor Day (February 4), publicity helps, ideas for a Birthday Banquet, and activities related to the theme for the week, "Called to Christian Freedom."

—**A Radio Program**, written by Roberta Carrington of California. A 15-minute script about Christian freedom.

—**A Television Program**, written by Mrs. Amy Deck Faust of Florida. Also based on the subject of freedom; a 15-minute script.

—**A Freedomland Party**, prepared by Mrs. Marian W. Trievel of Pennsylvania. Fun ideas for large or small groups.

—**Many other items**, including a sample copy of the new bulletin cover, attractively printed in peacock blue and black, and the matching special events poster, offered for the first time this year; the folders, "A Vital Program for Youth" and "Life's Greatest Decisions"; and a special envelope for reporting activities of the week.

For just 50c a complete Packet may be ordered from Christian Endeavor International at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Clyde Meadows Elected Bishop

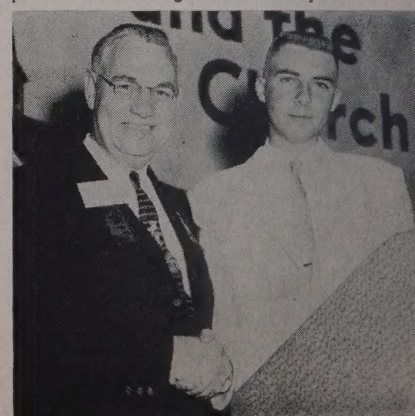
On June 10 Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, was elected as one of the two Bishops of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. He was assigned to the East District, which extends from North Carolina to Ontario and from the East Coast to Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.

In August Bishop Meadows concluded a 33-year ministry at King Street United Brethren Church in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Under his leadership the church has grown until today its members number approximately 1,300, with an average attendance in Sunday school each week of over 1,000. Over \$600,000 was invested in the building program during his ministry. From 1933 he had also served as conference superintendent.

At the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Chicago in July, Bishop Meadows was elected to his second two-year term as president of the International Society.

Bishop Meadows and his wife will continue to make their home in Chambersburg.

On behalf of the four Christian Endeavor societies of King Street Church, Gary Hollinshead (right) presented to Bishop Meadows a certificate for the purchase of a portable typewriter, during the International Convention in Chicago. Gary is president of the high school society.



ALL OF US are awake to the problem of delinquency in our age. There is delinquency among the parents and there is delinquency among the young people. And the problem is that we have not as yet learned how to deal with the menace of delinquency. Someone has sadly said, "There is nothing that we can do about a delinquent until after the case is brought into court."

This article deals with methods and opportunities of reaching young people for Christ. There are a multitude of things which can be done before a child is brought to court and, likewise, there are a multitude of things, when done, which will keep our young people out of court. "The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Beyond doubt, this is a day of youth! Young people are taking part in government, in the business world and, more than ever, in the religious life of our country. Our youth are important because their faith is unbounded, their courage is strong, and their opportunities are innumerable; therefore, their effectiveness needs to be tremendous. This is truly an age when young people need to be reached for Jesus Christ in order that they might become crusaders for Him.

Of course, this is easier said than done. The important challenge for any church, for any organization, for any society, for any Christian is, "How do we reach our young people with evangelistic challenge? How do we lead them, through the program of the church, to a giving of life and a dedication of life to the Saviour?"

We begin by asking for God's direction in our planning and programming. God has a task for every one of His children and when He makes known to us our task He does not want us to pass it off on someone else. God does not want our assistance, He wants our allegiance. This, then, is where we begin to reach our youth with the gospel message—we begin with ourselves—our testimony, our interest, our passion, our prayers. The program of our church and the programs of our youth societies must be under the direction of the Holy Spirit, and though we may not always know clearly what to pray for, yet we praise God that the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us."

We need to offer our young people, in the program of the church, the quality of anything the world has to offer. It has been well suggested that the three most important elements in getting started with youth activities and taking advantage of evangelistic opportunities are to: (1) Pray, (2) Pray, and (3) Pray. Organization is important but the program will fall flat unless the hand of the Lord is at work in it.

Remember that to reach youth for Jesus Christ in our societies we need a program which will attract them and bring them in. We cannot reach them until we have them!

For instance, it is no longer sufficient to supplement the program of any given evening with "special music." We need to make an effort to present the very best that we have, for there is a message in the gospel hymn. A youth society should have a capable pianist along with capable musicians and soloists, etc. However, be sure to emphasize along with quality their spiritual sincerity. No one can "sell" a product he knows nothing about.

Publicity is the next important step. It is impossible to draw young people unless the

meetings are well promoted. It must be made known that there is a meeting and that it is designed to appeal to young people. There is nothing magical about the title of Christian Endeavor or any other title that will automatically attract young people. Make known the program—we will be surprised what publicity will do. It may even be to our benefit to spend some money on advertising. The world advertises its products because it is willing to invest in something that pays. God grant us the foresight to see the value of investing in publicity.

Here are some suggestions that will be helpful in taking advantage of the opportunities of reaching youth in our societies for the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We have prayed about our planning, we have used the best talent available, and we have

program has been Gospel-centered and we have worked toward our goal, we need not apologize for inviting young people to come to the Son of God. However, guard against dragging out the invitation. Be honest and fair about the claims of Christ. The straightforward approach is the best and when we have done our part God will do the rest.

G. Be prompt with timing. Start and stop on time. This is always appreciated by all who participate and may well be the test whether or not those present will return for another meeting.

These are not all of the directions that are needed and surely they are not all perfect and will not always meet each particular situation. Each one will have to know the needs of his group and work out his own program through prayer and through planning. In any case, reaching young peo-

Evangelistic Opportunities

By Richard W. Kohl

publicized our meeting. Now some things to remember:

A. Remember that we are dealing with youth. Be careful not to make the society meeting a typical adult service. The moment this happens we have missed the opportunity of evangelism among the young people of our group. Plan with teen-agers in mind.

B. Keep language in the realm of the young people. Use wholesome youth expressions; not the language and slang of the street nor theological terminology, but language the young people will understand.

C. Never allow the program to lag. It must be well planned with a goal to work toward.

D. Don't build a "little church" with a "miniature worship service." If this happens the youth society program will fall flat. Attempt not only to "hold" the young people already in the group but make an effort to reach out to new young people. This becomes everyone's task.

E. Prepare the program. No one, not even the pastor, can put across effectively an unprepared program. The world prepares well and young people can get the world's programs anytime. If the program is ill prepared the young people will fall away and seek other channels for the release of their enthusiasm.

F. Don't be afraid to extend an invitation for salvation or dedication. If the pro-

ple with the claims of Christ upon their lives is done through the power of the Holy Spirit. Take problems to Him. There is no failing, no missing the mark, with God directing.

Whenever young people are gathered together there are always opportunities for evangelism. Our approach may be different than someone else's, but in reality it is not the approach that is the important thing; it is the end result that carries the benefits. With an interesting program that will appeal to young people when they attend our meetings, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will begin to see the evangelistic opportunities. Then pray as never before that God will use each one in our youth society to reach young people for Jesus Christ.

The challenge is tremendous; the opportunities are numerous; the guidance is available; the power is plentiful but WE must be willing. May God grant us the passion to take advantage of every evangelistic opportunity, that we may know the joys of leading some young person or persons to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Adapted from an article in *THE UNITED EVANGELICAL* and used by permission. Mr. Kohl, formerly pastor of the East Greenville and Hosensack, Pennsylvania, Evangelical Congregational Churches is now a chaplain in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



Left above: Officers and trustees representing the Youth Assembly with Delno W. Brown (left, standing) and Timothy J. Kribs (right, standing), advisers for the daily sessions. Newly-elected chairman is Earle W. Gates, Jr. (center, front row). **Right above:** One of four Youth Assembly study groups, which prepared suggested topics for Senior High Young People for 1964.

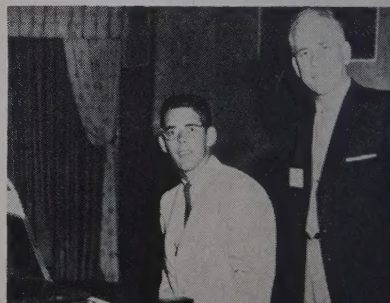
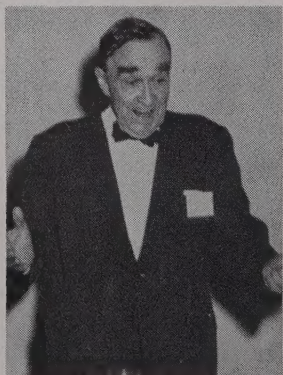
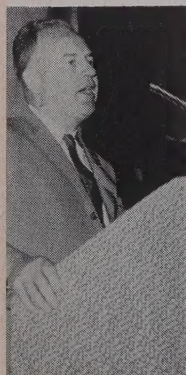


The "school" of the convention included 37 educational conferences, similar to these led by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart (left above) and Gordon McMordie (right above).

MORE CHICAGO CLOSE-UPS

Photos by Tom Renner

Upper right: Arch McQuilkin, at noon General Assembly, poses with derby supplied by Dr. Earle W. Gates (seated) of Derby, New York. Dr. Gates headed the Chicago Program Committee. **Lower right:** Dean and Stephen Jacoby of Crown Point, Indiana, leaders of the inspiring convention music. **Below left:** Herbert S. Tanis chairman of Chicago Convention Committee. **Below center:** Dr. Daniel A. Poling, World's Union President, gives devotional challenge to faculty. **Below right:** Sharyn Jacobsma and Donald and Allen Benes provide musical accompaniment for outdoor hymn sing in which over 1,000 participated.





Above upper: Illinois Union float received special recognition. **Above lower:** Wisconsin's delegation led the parade. **Upper right:** Enthusiastic Juniors! **Middle right:** Texas float and marchers, second-place winners in each category. **Lower right:** Michigan's float, winner of third position honors. **Below left:** First Reformed Church of Lansing won second place in Illinois entries. **Below center:** Leaders of Buckeye State marchers. **Below right:** First award in Illinois went to Chicago Union's float.



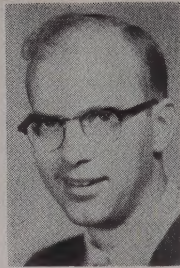
INTRODUCING . . .



Dr. John W.
Patterson



Rev. Alexander C.
Wilson



Charles H. Clark



Kaye Carmichael

Dr. John W. Patterson, president of Canadian Union . . . minister of St. Andrew's United Church, Lachine, Quebec . . . graduate of Queen's Theological College in Kingston, Ontario . . . spent past summer preaching in Europe and in Great Britain.

Rev. Alexander C. Wilson, New Jersey's field secretary . . . lives in Levittown with wife and three sons . . . served since 1951 as United Presbyterian missionary at Malakal, Sudan . . . formerly active in West Branch, Philadelphia . . . holds degrees from Reformed Episcopal Theological Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary.

Charles H. Clark, Illinois president . . . member of Central Park Congregational Church, Chicago . . . teaches history and social studies at Lincoln Way High School, New Lenox . . . served as Registration Vice-Chairman for Chicago Convention Committee.

Kaye Carmichael, head of West Virginia Union . . . student at West Liberty State College . . . member of Fork Ridge Christian Church in Glen Easton . . . currently sponsors Junior Society . . . has served as county president.

How One Society Observed Know Your America Week

Each year Know Your America Week is sponsored by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. This is the story of the observance of this Week in 1960 by one Christian Endeavor society.

The young people at the General Baptist Church in Dixon, Kentucky, planned a week-long series of programs last year, with the help of their pastor, Rev. Jesse Hood, and his wife, who is sponsor of the society.

On the opening day of Know Your America Week the Missionary Baptist Church and the Methodist Church of Dixon joined with the General Baptist Church for a program on "The Faiths by Which We Live." Rabbi Milton Rube from the Adath Israel Synagogue in Evansville, Indiana, was the guest speaker. At the evening service the speaker was Rev. M. E. Powell of the Methodist Church.

The Monday night program featured an address by State Senator J. Murray Blue on "Our Constitution and the Laws Under Which We Live." Tuesday evening the topic was "Citizenship—Our Rights and Responsibilities," presented by officers of the local Future Farmers of America and

their sponsor, Hugh Porter.

A film on "Education—the Schools Our Children Attend," was Wednesday's feature. Thursday's meeting was a Thanksgiving service with a message on "Thanksgiving—Consider the Blessings of Freedom," by Rev. Andrew Stirman of the Sebree General Baptist Church.

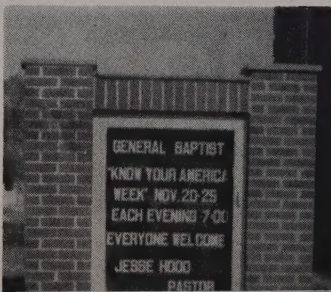
At the closing service on Friday night Kenneth Goad from the Southern Indiana Electric Company spoke on "Labor-Management—The Jobs at Which We Work."

Society members presented a short devotional period at each meeting. Good publicity was arranged over Radio Station WSON in Henderson and through a newspaper article on the proclamation of the week by the chairman of the Dixon Town Board.

Know Your America Week 1961 will be observed November 19-25, 1961. A folder giving suggestions for observance of this event is available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

A similar community-wide observance of this week would make a good entry in Christian Endeavor's 1962 Citizenship Awards Program.

Below left: Members of Young People's Society at General Baptist Church, Dixon, Kentucky. Below right: Bulletin board announcing Know Your America Week activities.



"Jesus Christ, the Way" Theme for Sydney 1962

"Jesus Christ, the Way" is the theme of the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention, according to announcement recently by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union. The convention will be held in Sydney, Australia, August 16-21, 1962.

"The 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention will bring to Sydney young people and their distinguished church leaders from more than 50 countries," states Dr. Poling. "In 1958 the Frankfurt, Germany, World's Convention brought together more than 14,000 delegates—the largest youth gathering of the Protestant faith ever assembled on the continent of Europe. The coming convention in Australia promises to have an equally large and representative attendance."

"Christian Endeavor is interdenominational, international, and interracial, with societies and unions in more than 80 countries and nominations. The speakers and conference leaders in Sydney will come from the highest echelons of evangelical church life and will be drawn from all races and colors," continued Dr. Poling. "But the young people themselves, the teen-agers of the world, with their presence, their participation in their colorful and dynamic activities, will dominate the occasion."

The Convention City Committee has been at work since August 1960, making preparations to entertain delegates in Sydney. This is headed by Rev. Leslie G. Benne, a past president of the Australian National Christian Endeavor Union.

Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of both the International Society and the World's Union, will conduct a fellowship tour for International Society delegates to Australia in 1962. The tour party will participate in special meetings with Japanese Endeavorers en route to the convention in Sydney and will also visit Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, Melbourne, Wellington, Auckland, Fiji, and Hawaii. The group leaves San Francisco August 3 by air, returning September 2.

The party is limited to thirty-five persons. Cost of the all-expense, personally conducted tour is \$2,325 at present published rates. A deposit of \$200 will reserve place. For further information, write Harold E. Westerhoff, Tour Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

CHICAGO CLOSE-UP

A set of more than 100 Kodachrome 2x3 slides with accompanying script, giving a complete visual report of the recent International Convention in Chicago, is now available on a loan basis from the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Prepared by Rev. Christian A. Tirre of Camden, Ohio, this unit is entitled "Chicago Close-Up." Write to Phyllis I. Rike, Administrative Secretary, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, to schedule use of the slides. There is no charge except postage.

With Adults in Christian Endeavor

A page especially for Young Adults (25-35) and Adults (36-up)

ADULT TOPIC SUMMARIES

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee: Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Jay Sheffield

Denominations

(The first topic in this series was carried in the preceding issue.)

2. A Fellowship of Love

1 John 1:1-4; Acts 2:42-47

The purpose of the testimony which John gave and which we are also to give concerning the Gospel is that estranged people, separated by sin, racial barriers, and ignorance, may be brought together into a fellowship of kindred minds with Christ. This fellowship is possible because each follower of Christ is his own priest and draws nigh to God in prayer. Next, there is the fellowship of the Lord's table as Christians commune together in Christ. Then, we have fellowship in the proclamation of the Gospel through both word and action. Finally, we anticipate the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven. Discuss these areas of fellowship. How can we broaden our fellowship in Christ?

Foundations of Democracy

1. Men Who Led the Way

Psalms 33:12-22; Matthew 22:15-22

Invite a teacher of American history to

be guest speaker and to develop such thoughts as these: The men who led the way in formulating the laws of our land were men who had profound faith in God. They exercised independence in thought. They were willing to sacrifice even their lives, if necessary, for the good of democracy. They were willing to settle their differences amicably. They were confident of the support of God in their cause. Are we building upon this foundation? Select militant hymns and feature a trumpet solo, if possible.

2. Thankful for What?

Psalms 113; Philippians 4:6

Our current observance of Thanksgiving presents a notable contrast to the Thanksgiving festival by the Plymouth colony in December, 1621, when Governor William Bradford declared a season of prayer and feasting. The colonists gave thanks that they were still alive, that the first difficult year in the new country had ended, that their harvests were abundant, that at least some of the Indians were friendly, and that they had protection from inclement weather.

er. Plan a covered dish dinner. While seated around the table, have one member lead in a brief devotional talk on things for which we are thankful. Follow with a period of thanksgiving.

Bible Study

1. The Sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:10-20; Hebrews 4:12

The Word of God is the instrument by which the Spirit operates in conversion and in Christian growth. Therefore, we must know the Word, which is "able to make us wise unto salvation." Study the outline of the Christian armor in Ephesians 6. Obtain the visual aids packet "The Christian Soldier" from your local bookstore or religious publishing house and highlight the meeting with a dramatic presentation of characteristics and armor of the Christian, accompanied by a devotional talk. Conclude the meeting with a discussion of practical ways of learning and applying the Word in everyday living.

(Three more topics in this series will be carried in the next issue.)

ADULTS IN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Why do adults continue in Christian Endeavor?

To keep at work in the church the training and experience which they have received as youth in Christian Endeavor, to mature in their devotion to Christ and the church, to encourage and help the younger societies, to serve together in various capacities in the church and community, and to recruit other adults for Christian Endeavor work.

What societies are suggested for adults?

The Young Adult society for those from twenty-five to thirty-five years of age, and the Adult society for those thirty-six years and over. Some churches may wish to combine these two into one society, and some may wish to have even more.

How should an adult society be organized?

Former Endeavorers and other interested adults should be called together to adopt a simple constitution and to choose the usual officers. Those selected should constitute the executive committee and make future plans for the society. The minister should be consulted for guidance in clarifying the aims and setting up the organization.

Should there be a pledged membership?

Yes, active membership should be based on the Christian Endeavor pledge. Herein lies the strength of any Christian Endeavor society. The group should decide which

form of the membership pledge it desires to use and secure a supply from the International Society. Each new member should be asked to sign the pledge before being inducted into the society.

What topics should be studied by adult societies?

Undated topic summaries for adults are carried regularly in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, published ten times yearly, and these may be used whenever a society desires. Fifty-three suggested topics for Young Adult groups with ideas for development are included in *With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor*, by Phyllis G. Brown and Bert H. Davis. Some societies occasionally conduct studies in areas of special interest of their own choosing.

What techniques should be used in leading meetings for adults?

Some of the well-known ways of leading adult Christian Endeavor meetings are short talks by several members, group discussion, forum, symposium, panel discussion, talk by guest speaker, role playing, buzz sessions, huddle groups, book reviews, and audio-visual presentations. Each society should vary the techniques used in presenting different topics.

How often should adult societies meet?

Most societies meet weekly, others bi-weekly, and still others monthly. It is best to meet weekly in order that parents may bring their children to Christian Endeavor and remain for their own meeting.

Reprinted from Christian Endeavor Essentials In what other activities do adult societies participate?

Sponsoring study classes or social events for the entire church; assisting in midweek prayer meetings; promoting Christian Endeavor Week, the Quiet Hour, the Tenth Legion, Lifework Recruits, and Christian Endeavor publications and conventions; forming societies for children and youth where they do not exist; correlating Christian Endeavor activities in the church; conducting Christian citizenship and social action campaigns in the community.

How may adults who do not participate actively still assist in Christian Endeavor work?

By providing financial support for Christian Endeavor locally and internationally, by being available to give counsel whenever it is desired, and by attending special Christian Endeavor events. Some churches or unions form an Alumni Council or Fellowship and hold an annual banquet or even more frequent meetings.

What are the purposes of an Alumni Council or the adult department of a Christian Endeavor Union?

To form adult societies or councils where they do not exist, to give and to encourage contributions to the larger work of Christian Endeavor through the International Society and the World's Christian Endeavor Union, and to assist in other phases of union activity.



In the Presence of Our Enemies

Psalm 23; Romans 12:14-21

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

November 5

Publicity

Make a large poster to be displayed in a prominent place to advertise the meeting. At the top print plainly in red letters or attach letters cut from red paper, "in the presence of mine enemies." Below draw pictures or attach some from magazines showing what some of these enemies are. At the bottom, print in large blue letters or spell in letters cut from paper, I WILL BE TRUE.

For a live announcement, have two boys come into your Sunday morning class pushing and poking each other. When someone asks them what is the matter, announce the meeting topic and invite all to attend.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymns: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master; Dear Lord and Father of Mankind; and Trust and Obey*

Prayer

Announcements

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23; Romans 12:14-21

Leader's Talk

Listing of Enemies

Buzz Groups

Talks on Bible Experiences

God's Commands

God's Promises

Conclusion

Sentence Prayers

Hymn: *Be Thou Near*

Benediction

Leader's Talk

Psalm 23:5 states, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." In this statement, David was referring to the custom of ancient Oriental kings to prepare a banquet to celebrate a victory. The captains of the vanquished foe were chained to the pillars in the banquet hall during the festivities. David was illustrating the fact of God's protective power over us, even to the chaining of our enemies as we feast on His blessings. It is not by our might or power that we are able to conquer our enemies. God is the all-powerful One, who can chain our adversaries and provide us a table in their presence. However, we have to put our trust in Him in order to receive such mercies.

Be not a single care thyself

One is too much for thee,

The work is Mine and Mine alone

Thy work is trust in Me.

Romans 12:14-21 gives us instructions on how to live a Christian life and what to do about our enemies. (Read these verses.)

Launching the Topic

List on a chalkboard or large sheet of paper the enemies the members of your Christian Endeavor Society face. These would be things that make it hard for you

to live a Christian life, such as worldly amusements, those who wrong you, those who take advantage of you, and those who deceive you. Discuss these and others your group suggests.

Divide those present into three or four buzz groups. Assign one or two suggested enemies to each group for discussion on how a Christian copes with them. Give them also Scripture references that pertain to the subjects assigned: worldly amusements, James 4:4 and Romans 12:9; those who wrong you, Colossians 3:25 and Romans 12:14; those who deceive you, Proverbs 26:26 and 27:6, Matthew 26:47-49, and Romans 12:17; those who take advantage, II Corinthians 2:10,11 and Romans 12:19.

Allow not more than ten minutes for the buzz groups. Then have a representative give a brief report to the group as a whole.

Bible Experiences

Assign these experiences beforehand so that those to give them may be well prepared for their talks.

1. *David and Goliath* (I Samuel 17:15-58). Using the 47th verse, show that the battle is the Lord's if we commit ourselves to Him.

2. *David and Saul* (I Samuel 24:1-12; 26:1-13). Saul made many attempts on David's life, but the Lord spared him, for He had a work for David. He was to be the next king. In these references, David had two chances to kill his enemy, from whom he had to keep in hiding. Why did he not kill Saul? Why did he cut off a piece of Saul's robe? Why did he take the spear and the jar of water?

3. *Peter and Herod* (Acts 12:1-19). Why did Herod want to kill Peter? Why was Peter released? How can we be delivered from our enemies? Do we ever fail to recognize "Peter at the gate" in our own lives? Do we leave God outside the gate when we make decisions?

4. *Enemies of the Gospel*—those who preach another gospel Galatians 1:8,9 and Matthew 7:15-20; those who do not obey the Gospel (I Peter 4:17 and Acts 5:29); and those who reject the Gospel (I Samuel 15:23 and John 12:47,48).

Satan seeks to obstruct the preaching of the Gospel and the witness given by Christians, and so we must depend upon the power of God to withstand the attack. God is still the all-powerful one—not Satan. Therefore, we should pray often for the preaching of the Gospel as the early church did in Acts 4:23-30. (It would be helpful to read these verses and also recount the results of the prayer in verses 31-37.)

God's Commands and Promises

Erase the chalkboard or turn over the large piece of paper. Then write on one side *God's Commands* and on the other *God's Promises*. After each has read the

QUESTIONS

1. How can you gain a peaceful relationship with an athletic enemy?
2. What can be done to earn proper respect from a business rival?
3. How can a civic question be settled peaceably when bitterness and hatred have been generated?
4. How can we protect our rights and still not make enemies?
5. Do we try to understand the other person's side of a dispute?
6. What would be the result if we tried to talk out our differences in a calm manner?

verse below assigned to him, ask him to write the verse and its promise or command in the proper column.

GOD'S COMMANDS

Luke 23:34—Pray for them

Matthew 5:44—Love them

Romans 12:20—Help them

Proverbs 24:17—Rejoice not at their failings

GOD'S PROMISES

Psalm 59:9—To defend us

Psalm 18:48—To deliver us

Proverbs 16:7—To make peace

Psalm 119:98—To make us wiser

Psalm 60:12—To overcome them

Conclusion

Sum up the various parts of your discussion by emphasizing that God has promised to protect us in all our relationships with our enemies. But we must have faith in God and ask Him always to guide us.

It is most important that we determine to do His will in spite of the attitudes of our enemies. God waits patiently for our consent. He does not force His will on us. But once God has our consent, there is no limit to what He can and will do through us. Do you believe this? Are you willing to put it to the test this week? (Read and discuss II Corinthians 12:9.)

Recreation

If you really want to put into practice what this topic teaches, plan a big social event and invite those who might be considered "enemies" to come as your guests. Be sure to do it sincerely, and this will be a way of "killing them with kindness."

However, you will need to plan very carefully just what you are going to do and to carry it out with the greatest proficiency. Otherwise, you will be laughed at—and plenty.

Have something planned to do as soon as the first guests arrive. Here is a suggestion: tie a strong cord around each wrist of a person with about eighteen inches of cord between the wrists. Tie another cord around one wrist of the second person and pass it under the cord of the first person and then tie to the remaining wrist. Then ask them to get loose from each other without untying the cords or breaking them. It can be done!

Be sure to close the evening with devotions. This will help to show all your guests that you really do believe the Bible and what it teaches. Invite them to come to your regular Christian Endeavor meetings.

Comments by Mrs. R. E. LeRiche, who serves with her husband as adviser of the High School and College society in the Skyway Bible Church, Seattle, Washington

AIMS

1. To show the importance of each person.
2. To warn against evils which influence Junior Highs.
3. To show the outcome of bad influence.

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Announcements and Offering
Worship
Baptism and Prayer
Special Music
Hymn: *In the Service of the King*
Scripture Reading: Daniel 1:8-21
Leader's Introduction
Explaining the Display
Hymn: *Trust and Obey*
Bible Discussion
Sponsor's Challenge
Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
Benediction

Publicity

Since this topic deals with advertising to one degree, it might be well to prove that advertising can also be used for Christ and the church. Begin weeks in advance and post advertisements on your church bulletin board. Make them somewhat sensational by borrowing from some of the ads which appear most frequently in your daily newspaper. The following give some suggestions:

CE/MFT, *Christian Endeavor Means Fine Training*
Where There's Life There's Christian Endeavor

A Better Filter, Filter Out the Taste of Evil

The Society That Made Christian Endeavor Famous

Get a Cool Refreshing Lift from Worship

You may use others which fit your particular situation and location. These should catch the eye of passers-by because they are familiar, yet different.

Reading the News

You might plan to promote a society activity for the good of the entire local church. Many adults are impressed by youth advertising. You might also seek to reach other youth who do not attend Christian Endeavor. Prepare a skit or demonstration to advertise your activity. Use the name of the materials you collect for your display if you desire. The entire society can work at this project. If it appears to be successful, you might continue the project and present it to a PTA unit or some other civic organization. Your sponsor and pastor will aid you in this endeavor.

Youth Are Important

First, youth are important to our parents. Parents have hopes of seeing their children grow to adulthood. Parents often make a great sacrifice to give boys and girls some of the better things of life. It is through children that a good family name is continued. Each family likes to think that children will bring honor to their name.

Second, youth are important to our school. The school depends upon its pupils to be loyal. We often call this school spirit. Boys and girls are important to their team in all kinds of sports. Any good team is made better by the people who support them from the sidelines.

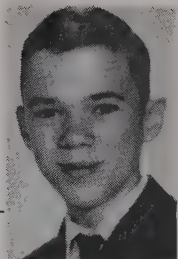
Third, the church is looking to youth as future leaders. People are praying that the next generation will be better informed and

Teens Are Targets

Daniel 1:8-21

November 5

Junior High (12-14 Years)



better prepared to lead the world to Christ and the church. Unless the youth of today become church leaders for the future, there is no hope for Christianity.

Fourth, the nation depends upon boys and girls to become citizens, worthy of the heritage which we have received. There is a great responsibility involved in citizenship. Our nation is watching the growth of youth. We are important to all that is good in the free world. Also, other nations are aiming for the youth of our nation. Even now subversive elements are attempting to lead youth away from the freedoms which we often take for granted.

Fifth, the world is watching us as we grow. Each boy and girl is important to spread understanding and good will. The enslaved world looks to the free world for deliverance. Unless we live up to what others expect of us, we will fail Christ's command to help those in need.

What Kind of a Target

The importance of youth makes us a target for everyone who has something to sell or promote. As we study the ideas in the following topics, each person should ask himself the question, "What kind of target am I?" It is hard to hit a moving target. If you are moving for Christ, you will not be an easy target for all that is unrighteous and ungodly.

Aims of Advertisers

The purpose of advertising is to influence people to investigate the product or service being offered. It is made so attractive and desirable that it becomes a necessity in the mind of the person being influenced. The name or slogan is repeated so often that it impresses the mind of the hearer, or in the case of television, newspapers, and magazines, it is before the eyes so much that it has the desired effect.

1. *Tobacco* advertising works on two assumptions. The first is that you are going to smoke anyway and so you should try this brand. The second is that all people want satisfaction. Only this brand of cigarette or cigar will offer that certain satisfaction. This type of advertising is based on half-truth. It is true that we do want satisfaction, but it is not true that tobacco will meet this need.

2. *Alcohol* advertising works on the social aspect of life. The assumption is that drinking will make you sociable. It will make you popular. It will make you a part of the crowd. None of this is true. People like us for what we are. Taking a drink will not cause people to like or accept us. In fact, it often has the *opposite* effect. People act so terribly when drinking that they often drive away their closest friends.

Notice the liquor ads. Often they picture a beautiful young lady and a handsome

young man either drinking or preparing to drink. If we compare this picture with those who are known drinkers of long standing, we will quickly see the difference. Maybe the drinkers were young and beautiful or handsome when they started drinking, but if they have followed this pattern for some time they are no longer attractive in any sense.

3. *Gambling* is another evil which is made attractive to Junior Highs. Signs on the highways, newspaper and magazine advertising, and other media are used to catch the attention of all who have an opportunity to see. This evil uses the chance for quick profits or opportunities for other material gain as a basis for advertising. Lotteries and bingo are examples. They offer the chance for big prizes without investing much capital. Of course, they do not pay all who participate. Only a few win. Others who gamble make the prizes possible and also give a profit to the operator or person in charge.

Making a quick buck with little danger from the law is often thought to be a good thing. This is not true. Shyster operators may profit for a time, but they will eventually pay for their evil. If they do not pay in this life, they will certainly pay in the judgment. It is not the letter of the law which counts. The important issue is the principle which Jesus taught. "Love your neighbor as yourself" is the royal law of Christianity. Those who take advantage of others are guilty of breaking the basic law of Christ.

4. *Indecent literature* has flooded the market in the last few years. It uses attractiveness or suggestiveness on the outside to cover up the evils which are so evident on the inside. Suggestive sex thoughts are used to attract those who are just learning the facts of life. When we have a true knowledge of sex, it is sacred to us and completely unrelated to evil desires. We must beware of our emotional weaknesses and be ready to repel the temptations of indecent literature.

5. *Vandalism* is on the rise in our nation according to statistical reports. It is easy to "get back" at someone by destroying something which belongs to him. Groups or gangs make this means attractive to the youth who is not aware that he is being used for evil purposes.

Life without Christ

A life without Christ is easily influenced for evil. Only through His leadership and teachings can we steer clear of evil influence. Each time we see an ad we should stop long enough to think, "What are the facts reported here?" Most advertising weaknesses are apparent to those who seek the truth. It's up to us to see that the aim of all advertising of evil things is off the mark!

Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper, pastor of the General Baptist Church in Atchison, Kansas



Power of a Thankful Spirit

I Thessalonians 5:14-28

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

November 12

Promoting the Meeting

For your post cards: COULD A LION BE GRATEFUL TO A MOUSE? Remember the old fable of how a lion caught a mouse, but released him, and later when the lion was caught, the mouse chewed the rope which bound him? What effect do good deeds have on you? On others? Hear this discussed at Christian Endeavor Sunday night. Topic: "Power of a Thankful Spirit." Leader—

(Draw a small lion in the upper left hand corner, and a mouse in the right one.)

Preparation Chart

Lesson studied? _____
 Parts assigned? _____
 Songs chosen? _____
 Pianist and song leader notified? _____
 Special music arranged? _____
 Cards mailed, or poster made? _____
 Item for bulletin and newspaper? _____
 Visitors invited? _____

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude (quiet, reverent music)
 Call to Worship: O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.
 Hymn: *He Keeps Me Singing*
 Prayer
 Hymns: *In My Heart There Rings a Melody*;
Since Jesus Came into My Heart
 Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:14-28
 Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
 Sentence Prayers
 Leader's Talk
 Two-minute Talks
 Questions for Discussion
 Special Music
 Announcements
 Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
 Benediction

Leader's Talk

Our topic this evening is in keeping with the Thanksgiving season and is entitled "The Power of a Thankful Spirit." Our minds go back to the year 1621, when the Pilgrims, after a terrible winter in which half of their number had died, were so grateful for the barley and corn which they had gathered, that they set aside a day of thanksgiving and invited the Indians to join in the celebration. This, however, was not the first thanksgiving on record, for the Israelites had such a celebration each fall, known as the Feast of Tabernacles. All of the men and older boys were required to attend it, expressing their appreciation to God for all His goodness.

It is wonderful to live in our land where we have abundant blessings from God and where we may worship God without fear of oppression. You would expect that there would be gratitude in every heart, but many forget to be thankful. They are like the old lady who always grumbled about things. One year when her potato crop was the finest in the whole area, somebody called attention to the fact. "They're not so poor," she admitted, "but where are the bad ones for the pigs?" This evening let us think about the effect that a grateful heart has on us and on others. Let us study how we can show our appreciation to God.

Two-Minute Talks

1. (Please tell in your own words.) People have various ways of expressing their gratitude. When the Israelites had been delivered from the Egyptians, Moses wrote a song of joy. Deborah did the same thing when Barak had been victorious over the Canaanites. When Hezekiah had recovered from his sickness and been promised an additional fifteen years of life, he promised to sing songs of praise set to music in the temple as long as he lived. When we are truly grateful, there is a song in the heart, and we feel that we just have to let God know the happiness we have.

2. (Please tell in your own words.) One day there were ten lepers who came to Jesus asking to be healed, and He did it. So glad were they that they were well, could live with their families, and go to the temple that they started off with a rush. One of them, however, turned back to thank Jesus, who was touched by his gratitude. "Were there not ten healed? But where are the nine?" He asked His disciples. There was only one who returned to give glory to God and he was a Samaritan. It is amazing today how few of us really ever say, "Thank you." We are constantly receiving good things from parents, friends, teachers, and others, but often show no real gratitude. If you don't believe this is true, check up on yourself—then begin to be more thoughtful.

3. (Please tell in your own words.) Have you ever recovered from a sickness, passed a hard examination, or got out of serious trouble with the help of the Lord, and then forgot what you promised to do if He would only come to the rescue? "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most high," says the Lord. "And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Psalm 50:14, 15). Even if you didn't make a promise, wouldn't it be good to show your appreciation by making a gift, quitting a bad habit, or rendering faithful service? If you do, God is a lot more likely to help you out the next time.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

(Place on chalkboard)

1. Mention some things in your experience for which you have always been grateful?
2. What is wrong with people who never are grateful?
3. Why are young people sometimes ungrateful to their parents?
4. What are some ways in which gratitude to God may be expressed?

4. (Please tell in your own words.) Being grateful has a pleasing effect on others. Do you remember how thrilled your parents are when you show you really are grateful for what they are doing for you? Do you recall how good it made you when you had a surprise for your brother (or sister) and saw the delight in his eyes as he thanked you for being nice? It made you want to do something for him again. That is the way it is with God. When you do fine things for Him there is a joy and satisfaction that cannot come in any other way, and it makes you want to increase your service to Him.

5. (Please tell in your own words.) It is natural for parents to want to do more for their children when they show that they appreciate it. Which child is loved most by the parents—the whiner and complainer or the one who says "thank you" and shows appreciation? God is our Father and He must get pretty tired of our begging Him for things all the time, but not be appreciative enough to show our gratitude by having fellowship with Him. Those who do enjoy being with Him and talking to Him are not going to be neglected, you may be sure.

6. (Please tell in your own words.) One of Browning's stories, Pippa is a little millworker, who spends her one-day vacation a year by going past the beautiful homes of the city singing a happy song. She doesn't know anybody is listening, but one is struggling with his conscience, another fear, a third one duty, and a fourth dishonesty. All are helped by the love and mess of her song and resolve to do what is right. We can never tell the problems which face other people with whom we come in contact, but the spirit of happy gratitude is sure to touch their hearts and help them to be better.

Suggested Project

It is not good to have the emotions stirred without an opportunity to express them. Have your group discuss what they can do to show their gratitude to God. They are going to take baskets to the needy have six or eight go along for a 15-minute service in the home, showing a genuine interest in the family.

Perhaps they would like to take up an offering to be sent to a Christian Endeavor society in some foreign country. Learn about such an organization, and have the minister find out how best to send the money to them.

Comments by Dr. J. Vernon Jacobs, a free-lance writer living in Phoenix, Arizona, who is the author of a number of Christian education books

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does life compare to a game?
2. Why should there be rules for the game of life?
3. How did Jesus play the game of life?
4. What obstacles have you hurdled in life?
5. How may we hurdle defeat in life?
6. What obstacles have you seen overcome by others?
7. Which is more important, winning the game at all costs or playing according to the rules of the game?

How They Run!

Hebrews 12:1,2



November 12

Junior High (12-14 Years)

Our Aims

1. To consider the importance of right principles of conduct in running one's life.
2. To consider our example—who is watching our life?
3. To appreciate the prize at the end of the race well-run.

Our Poster

On a white cardboard paste the clipping of a track star running a race or going over hurdles. The legend can read: "What are the rules for running the game—of life?" Give time and place of meeting.

Our Worship

HYMNS: *I Would Be True; Are Ye Able, Did the Master; We Would Be Building*

TALK: If your high school coach is a Christian leader, ask him to talk on the requirements for running a successful race. Or ask an athlete to talk on self-control and teamwork.

DECORATIONS: Tennis net and rackets, baseball bats, a hurdle, a vaulting pole

Look to the Good

How the pulse quickens and the eyes shine when we watch a race! How dumb-founded we would be to see one of a group of runners start the mile race with a ten-pound bag of sand in his arms! Races are to be run that way. Nor should the race of life be run carrying unworthy habits, old grudges, besetting sins.

In running the race which God has set before us, it is well for us to stop and ask ourselves from time to time:

Is there anything that is holding me back from accomplishing everything that I, as a Christian, ought to accomplish? Perhaps some association with the world, which in itself is not sinful, may be holding me back.

Am I permitting my work, my pleasures, my boy or girl friend to take up so much of my time that I do not devote the time that I should to reaching the goal?

Am I letting my ambition to get ahead in this world impede my growth in grace and weight me down to such an extent that I neglect my Christian calling and grow weary of fighting the good fight of faith?

Our Responsibility as a Contestant

When you became a Christian, you assumed the responsibility of this race. When you were baptized, God made a covenant with you that He would receive you as His child; you, in turn, made a covenant that you would renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways. When you were taken into the church, you renewed this solemn covenant, pledging that you would remain loyal to God as long as you lived and that, with His help, you would lead a life pleasing to Him.

How have you been faring in this race? Have you repelled the temptations of the devil and said with Joseph, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Have you in all things sought the will of God? Have you always been willing to abide by the rules which were set before you? Or have you at times made your own rules in opposition to those laid down by God? Our Scripture admonishes us: "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

The Sin Which Besets Us

Sin holds us back and prevents us from attaining the victory. In running the race which God has set before us, it is well for us from time to time to stop and ask, "Is there some besetting sin that rises as a barrier between me and my Lord? Am I permitting a quick temper, a loose tongue, an impure mind, a dishonest desire, a loveless disposition to blind me from doing my Christian duty and living the Christian life? Am I carrying about on my heart and conscience a wrong that I have committed, which I have not confessed to God? Have I grieved or offended my friend and not made amends?"

God's Good Rules

God gave His children laws for our good. They are vital laws.

Only through obedience to these good laws can we be safe and happy. That is why God gave them to us. Without law and order there is no government and no harmony. Anyone who plays a musical instrument knows that he must follow the same rules as all the other players in the orchestra, or no music will result, only din and discord. (*Take time to list some of God's laws and discuss how better we can obey them.*)

Many Spectators

As an incentive to be faithful in our Christian calling and to use all powers to run a good race, the writer of Hebrews says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." We have spectators in this race. A whole array of heroes of the faith passes by us in review—Abel, the first martyr; Enoch, who walked with God; Abraham, the father of believers; Jacob, the bearer of trials and tribulations; Joseph, the pure in heart; Moses, who chose poverty with God's people rather than the pleasures of sin; and many others. All these have run the race and finished it victoriously. No doubt you can mention many others, such as God-fearing parents and grandparents who have finished their course and are enjoying the fruits of their hard-won victory. All these we have as witnesses to our efforts.

Strength for the Race

Of course, our highest incentive to run with patience the race that is set before us is that we look to the Lord Jesus, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." In the races that were held in ancient times there was usually a raised platform at the end of the course reserved for the king or emperor. The sight of the king encouraged the athletes to put every ounce of effort into the race.

As we look forward to the crown of everlasting life, we see before us our Saviour, who Himself has gone before us. He lived our life, He fought our battles, He suffered our weaknesses, He died our death. And now He sits before us, exalted and enthroned on high. Looking to Him, we gain not only strength, but above all, the willingness to run successfully, to strive victoriously, to live righteously, and to suffer patiently.

Isaac Watts, the great hymn writer, asks, "Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease? . . . Sure I must fight if I would reign; Increase my courage, Lord!" To be a follower of Christ and to live a life in communion with Him requires every ounce of our spiritual energy.

Some Commandments

In these days when sports occupy the attention of so many millions it is well to recognize these "Ten Commandments of Sports" by Hugh S. Fullerton in *The Youth Digest*.

1. Thou shalt not quit.
2. Thou shalt not alibi.
3. Thou shalt not gloat over winning.
4. Thou shalt not sulk over losing.
5. Thou shalt not take unfair advantage.
6. Thou shalt not ask odds thou art unwilling to give.
7. Thou shalt always be willing to give thine opponent the shade.
8. Thou shalt not underestimate an opponent or overestimate thyself.
9. Remember that the game is the thing, and he who thinks otherwise is not a true sportsman.
10. Honor the game thou playest, for he who plays the game straight and hard wins even when he loses.

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh, editor of BUILDERS, Evangelical United Brethren youth magazine

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Liberty But Not License

II Corinthians 3:1-18
(Thanksgiving Sunday)

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) November 19

To the Leader

This is Thanksgiving Sunday. This meeting should be directed so as to make the members of your society aware of the many opportunities and gifts for which they should express gratitude. This is also the beginning of "Know Your America Week." Therefore, it would be a good procedure to attempt to steer the thoughts of the group again to the advantages enjoyed in the country in which they live.

There are numerous ways in which the meeting could be publicized. Here are a few. Prepare posters which would emphasize the various freedoms we enjoy. One poster might express our gratitude for our freedom of speech, another for our freedom to worship, etc. Or posters could be prepared to call attention to our gratitude for various material possessions such as food, a comfortable home, well-equipped schools, worshipful churches, etc. Or the posters could call attention to spiritual blessings such as God's love for us, our ability to love others, and also to be loved by them.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship:

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein . . . He left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

Hymns: *The Love of God; I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

Announcements and Offerings

Scripture: II Corinthians 3:1-18

Sentence Prayers

Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Meditation:

Jesus taught that human life should be based on gratitude, not upon a demand of rights. While the dignity of man was taught by Jesus in many ways, He said nothing about the rights of man. Men were not even to accept daily bread as a right, but were to ask for it in their prayers. Therefore, all human activity ought to be an expression of gratitude for his existence. This means that a man cannot own his own life. All is given, and it is the purpose of the giver which must be considered. This is why Jesus spoke again and again of the will of His Father.

Discussion of Topic

Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Friendship Circle

Benediction

Development of Topic

One way to develop this topic is to turn to the story of the cleansing of the ten lepers in Luke 17:11-19. Read the account and then either play a tape recording previously made of the following text, or read the suggested text as written below. If a tape recorder is available, it will be more effective than reading. This is an imaginary account of why the nine lepers did not return to give thanks.

Why the Lepers Forgot

The story of the lepers is little different from the story of modern men. They had excuses similar to ours. One of the men had had little or no religious training as a boy. He was unaware of the existence of a God who cared. Though his healing was beyond human reason, he had no god to thank. The second man was elated at his recovery. This was something to celebrate, and so a great feast was arranged. All his friends were invited to see what had taken place. The feasting went on until the person who had performed the healing was slowly forgotten, and the cleansed man finally went about his new life as though he had earned his healing.

The third man had been successful in business prior to his illness. Now he was vitally interested in what had happened to his holdings while he was away. Had his property been taken care of? Had its value increased while he was away? All these and other questions raced through his mind as he hurried to his home. So engrossed was he that the opportunity for expressing his gratitude soon slipped by. The fourth man really meant to say "thank you." He was not particularly busy. There was nothing that took his time. He always thought that he would set out tomorrow to find the man who had healed him, but he never quite got to it.

The fifth man felt an urge to return to the person who had been his benefactor, but he wondered if it was necessary. Hadn't he felt a strange warmth about his sores just before the healing had taken place? Perhaps he was almost healed by the time that Jesus appeared. Probably he would have recovered whether or not he had met that man from Galilee. Pride in his own ability and in his physical prowess just would not allow him to return. Leper number six contemplated the hard journey back. It would be difficult in his weakened condition. In addition, it was known that the teacher who had performed the miracle on him and his friends was an itinerant teacher. How would he ever find him? Since Jesus traveled considerably, would it not be possible that he would come past this very house in which the man lived? He would wait for Christ to come to him, and then he would express his thanks.

Leper number seven had been filled with fear upon being healed. If this preacher knew enough to perform such miraculous healing, he must know a great deal more about his personal life. It simply was safe to be in the company of such a man. One could never be sure that he would not be making demands concerning a person's habits or private business. No, it was safe to stay at home and enjoy one's health and forget what had happened. Leper number eight did just as he had been told. He showed himself to the priests. Therefore he had paid the price asked of him. Besides, he was aware of what he had learned in Psalm 120. He was not sure of the religion of this healer. Perhaps he was a blasphemer. He might even worship false gods. It was better to follow the sure and safe habits of his fathers and allow the healer to go his separate way.

We come at last to the final ungrateful leper. This man did not have a sense of gratitude. What was going to happen would happen regardless of any preacher or healer. If it had been his fate to recover then recover he would. Why thank a fellow man or any God for that matter? "Live and let live" was his motto.

Group Discussion

After reading the above or playing on tape, divide the members into three groups to discuss what they have heard. Group A is to list modern counterparts to the nine excuses offered by the lepers and illustrations for each. Group B is to list answers to the excuses offered by the lepers. Group C is to develop a list of reasons why each man should have been grateful in addition to his healing.

When the entire group is reassembled, ask a representative of each small group to read the lists prepared. Discuss those items that seem especially important.

Now let the whole membership draw up a list of reasons for being thankful for their country. Point out that all of these reasons for thanksgiving could be lost by careless attitude toward civic duties.

Other Suggestions

You may prefer to have the members of the society use their Bibles to find reasons for our giving thanks. Have them look up such Scripture passages as Psalm 50:14; Psalm 106:1; Proverbs 3:9; Colossians 3:15; and I Thessalonians 5:18. From these draw up a list of reasons for expressing thanks to God. Now look up such passages as Exodus 15:1-21; I Timothy 1:12; Daniel 4:1-3; Daniel 6:22; and Luke 19:36-38. Relate the event for which gratitude was expressed in each of the above passages. You will probably have to read verses which occur before and after the verses suggested.

Now ask the entire membership to list reasons each one has for being thankful. Close with a season of sentence prayers in which each member is urged to express his or her gratitude to God for the reasons he has listed. Ask the pastor or counselor to close the meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Comments by Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer, minister of the Presbyterian Church of East Bethany, New York, and a former field secretary of the New York State Union

im of the Topic

To realize how much our national heroes have contributed to make the democracy we enjoy possible.

To realize that God's blessings upon the nation are bestowed through its leaders.

To realize that with every blessing received there is a corresponding responsibility to be assumed.

To become acquainted with the freedom-destroying potentials which surround us in our society and to think critically about them.

To determine to take an active part in combating these freedom-destroying segments of our society.

or the Counselor

It will be necessary for you to advise and assist in the formulation of a bibliography and in the collection of books, magazines, and newspapers which will contain the necessary information. Your local librarian will be glad to assist you.

Advertising the Meeting

Cut from magazines and newspapers some pictures, headlines, and editorials about those areas of society which you are going to include in the topic discussion. Display these materials in a striking, uncluttered manner on a bulletin board with the invitation to attend the Christian Endeavor service.

Hints for a Better Meeting

Secure pictures of some national heroes. Mount them on sheets of paper, leaving a margin of approximately two inches. Display these in your meeting room.

Include in your song service patriotic songs and hymns of thanksgiving.

Since the topic discussion will consume a large segment of the time, make the devotions simple but effective.

Stimulate the group to make suggestions of specific men, blessings, dangers, etc. for which prayer should be offered. This will help to avoid making sentence prayers too general.

Suggested Materials

Secure issues of the popular news magazines such as *Newsweek*, *Life*, and *Time*, beginning with March, 1961.

Your minister probably subscribes to *The Christian Century* or *Christianity Today*. Many editorials and articles in these magazines touch upon the subject matter suggested for the topic discussion.

Presenting the Topic

How to Prepare

It will be necessary to make several assignments; therefore, contacts must be made well enough in advance in order that the participants will have sufficient time for research and preparation.

Select several outstanding national heroes.

"Freely Ye Have Received . . ."

Matthew 10:8b; Romans 8:32; I Corinthians 2:12
(Thanksgiving Sunday)

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Junior High (12-14 Years)



In the United States, William Penn, Roger Williams, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln might be included with some 20th century personalities such as MacArthur, Roosevelt, Eisenhower, and Kennedy.

Make assignments of one, two, or three heroes per person, depending upon the size of your group. Ask the person to be prepared to present a short biography including the person's major contribution to country and fellow man. Emphasize the conciseness of these reports; they should take no longer than two or three minutes.

Consider using college students or adults for the additional assignments; however, high school youth should be able to present them. Decide upon some factors within our society which have the potential for destroying the freedoms we enjoy as citizens. Such issues as these would be worthy of your consideration: tax support for private school education, which touches upon the separation of Church and state; the John Birch Society; the corruption in some labor unions; and the aggressive inroads made by Communism.

Assign only one of these subjects to each person. Remind those participating of the aims and nature of the topic discussion so that they may see their assignment in the light of the entire topic.

How to Begin

Introduce the topic and give the general outline of procedure so that the group realizes the significance of the various reports and can enter intelligently into the discussion. The following introduction is only suggestive.

During the Thanksgiving season we become particularly aware of the blessings our nation has enjoyed and of the freedoms it has created for its citizens. Many national heroes have made their contribution, resulting in the freedoms we enjoy today. However, closely related to these blessings are grave responsibilities which cannot be neglected. Too many times we bask in the joy of our liberties and become immune to the liabilities which are ours by inheritance. What are these liabilities? How can they be fulfilled? Before our discussion is completed, we hope to gain some insight into these questions.

How to Proceed

Introduce those who have prepared a brief biographical sketch of some national heroes. It is important that they conclude with the major contribution made by the man about whom they are reporting. For example: William Penn, in the Philadelphia experiment, along with Roger Williams contributed to the movement against religious

bigotry. Franklin was a selfless servant for the cause of peace. Washington and other early patriots created a successful working plan for the operation of a republican form of government. They took the necessary steps to insure the separation of church and state. Lincoln brought the nation through the closing darkness of one era into the commencing brightness of another because of his conviction that all men are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights. President Eisenhower, during his administration, gave further impetus to this spirit through the passage of the law which was intended to break down the pattern of segregation in our society.

At this point it will be most meaningful to present the Scriptures: I Corinthians 2:12, Romans 8:32, and Matthew 10:8b. Ask the question, "What is the significance of these verses to our study?" The discussion should point out first, that our national heroes were dedicated men through whom God was able to bless our nation, and secondly, that the responsibility now falls upon us to become channels through which God may continue to bless the children of our nation.

Although wisdom does not produce virtue, wisdom is important to virtue. Therefore, as Christians concerned about the welfare of our nation it is important that we become an informed citizenry. In this way we shall try to fulfill part of our responsibility during this service.

Now introduce those persons who have prepared a critical account of those segments of our society which have the potential for destroying our liberties and freedoms.

This presentation and discussion should consume the major portion of your time.

How to Conclude

After you have allowed a sufficient amount of time for the discussion of these factors, ask for suggestions concerning some action which could be taken by the group concerning the information they have received and the insights they have gained.

Such suggestions might include the formulation of an article for the school or town newspaper, the writing of a letter to a government representative stating one's convictions, the selection of such a topic for debate in English class, etc.

Your concluding remarks should include the thought that these practical demonstrations are an integral part of an attitude of thanksgiving to God for His manifold blessings upon one's nation.

Comments by Rev. Harry A. Shuster, Jr., minister of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church of Palmerton, Pennsylvania



The Christian Mission in Latin America

Matthew 28:18-20

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) November 26

Aims

1. To develop greater understanding of the problems of youth in Latin America.
2. To plan practical ways to help them.
3. To become better informed about life and religion in Latin American countries where our own church is at work.

Promoting the Meeting

By planning in advance, this topic can form the basis for one of the most thrilling and informing meetings of the entire year. Latin America is the special field of this year's foreign missionary study for 28 denominations. A descriptive folder of available materials will be sent to you free upon request from the International Society. Or you can write to your denominational headquarters for the use of filmstrips, maps, plays, program materials, biographies, worship resources, and display materials. Be sure to order early your choice among these numerous aids to a rewarding discussion. Remember Latin America includes the 20 nations south of the United States. Feature particularly the countries where your denomination is at work or those countries which have the largest number of Christian Endeavor societies. Use display maps for publicity throughout your Sunday school.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
 Scripture Roll Call—Quote missionary verses
 Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
 Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20
 Prayer Period
 Announcements and Offering
 Hymn: *My Savior's Love*
 Leader's Introduction
 Discussion by Three Speakers
 Question and Answer Period
 Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
 Closing Prayer and Benediction

Leader's Introduction

The last personal message of the risen Lord to His disciples was His request that they spread everywhere what He had taught them. All races and nationalities were to be included in the blessings of Christ's Gospel and the influence of His universal presence. On this continent we are the heirs of the missionary zeal of the Christian centuries. Tonight we think of our responsibility to heed Christ's command to become more aggressive in sharing with young people in the twenty Spanish-, Portuguese-, or French-speaking independent na-

tions which lie southeast of the United States. These countries vary greatly in size, culture, and economic strength, but they have many problems and needs in common. (*You may desire to select two or three countries for special study. Consult the suggested young people's missionary book for details.*)

The hope of youth throughout all Latin America lies in the redeeming influence of the Protestant type of Christianity. Contrast the educational and economic conditions in any Protestant country with those in any Catholic country of comparative size. In Brazil, the largest of the Latin American republics, the Protestant church has recently grown faster than in any other part of the world. However, the name "Protestant Church" is rarely used in Latin America. Instead, it is called the "Evangelical Church." This is a much more descriptive term, since Protestantism must never be regarded as a religion of protest. The literal meaning of the name is to "testify on behalf of" (*pro testari*) the great essential convictions of historic evangelical Christianity. Three speakers will present summary glances of various aspects of our work in Latin America.

First Speaker—The Problems

Three problems are outstanding in Latin America. In all countries there are extremes of wealth and poverty. Outside of the famous cities, to which the people are flocking in increasing numbers, the roads are poor. People are separated in isolated groups with little or no opportunity for self-improvement. They live in tiny, crowded homes and have little money to purchase anything beyond that which supplies their barest needs. By contrast, modern civilization flourishes in the cities and causes the traveler from America to feel at home, until he wanders into the poorer sections where life is filthy and miserable.

Illiteracy is a widespread problem. The Latin American countries can boast of a few universities nearly a hundred years older even than Yale or Harvard. But the governments have lacked the means to provide education for vast segments of the population. Fear and superstition are widespread. Bible reading is the privilege and attainment of only a comparatively few.

The third problem is religion which is of a low-grade variety, particularly among the underprivileged classes. It is a mixture of Roman Catholic rites and ritualism with the superstitious practices of the natives. Large groups of these native Indians, and later Negro slaves, were baptized, making these countries nominally Roman Catholic. The results are seen in low moral and ethical standards, gambling, and graft.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is Communism making progress in many Latin American countries?
2. In which of the 20 countries is our church at work?
3. What prevents the development of closer ties with Latin American neighbors?
4. What can our society do to befriend and to aid youth in Latin America?

Second Speaker—Much Progress

Population is increasing more rapidly than any place in the world. The world wide rate of increase is 1.7 per cent, but for all Latin America it is 2.8. In Mexico and Columbia it is over 3 per cent. 40 per cent of the population of South America are children under 15 years of age. There is great need for more schools and teachers. Industrialization is increasing at a rapid rate. National pride is being fostered along with a widespread demand for social justice and political change.

In spite of persecution, violence, and ridicule, missionaries and native evangelists use every opportunity to make Jesus Christ known as Lord and Saviour. In little groups young people meet to worship in the name and spirit of Jesus, to hear directly the message of the Bible, and to substitute trust in Christ for fear and superstitious ritual. A jeep and a portable loud speaker have multiplied the opportunities to tell about a living Saviour who answers the prayer of the humblest worshipper and who imparts to all the power of His loving, redemptive spirit. Young people organize Gospel teams to preach on street corners, to visit new groups, and to distribute leaflets on a house-to-house basis. In Christ they find the encouragement and incentive to live on a higher moral plane. They dare to be different.

Third Speaker—Protestant Program

As far as limited financial resources will permit, the Evangelical Church has established in all Latin American countries schools and colleges to train young people in improved methods of farming and community health as well as academic and religious education. Vacation Bible schools and summer conferences and youth camps are other widely used methods of implanting Christian ideals and convictions. Education through recreation is emphasized with no racial segregation.

The goal of all Christian education is Christian service to the community. For that purpose, young people's groups are organized to teach in Sunday schools and to foster a wide variety of skills and to receive practical experience in a broad range of useful activities. They gather clothing and supplies to distribute to needy families, assist in medical clinics, participate in work camps, write and print tracts, lead choral singing, etc. They are alert and consecrated, eager to learn and to put their knowledge and energy into action in ways that will be of service to others. Visitors report that they appear more serious about their religion than an average group of young people in North America.

Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania

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Add Interest

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cinco—5c cincuenta—50c
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Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
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et: *The Love of God*
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ng: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
ent Meditation
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ader's Introduction

Latin America! That's our topic this eve- ng. Latin America means all areas south the Rio Grande River whose people speak nguages which come from the Latin. me of these areas are Mexico, Central ica, and South America.

Their main interests, such as making a ing and enjoying life, are the same as rs, even though they may have some dif- ent customs. Many are seeking for the ghest possible goal—God. We must take is message to those who know Him not.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What place did the Indians have in the early history of Latin America? (At least one member should be prepared to give a special report.)
2. Discuss the martyrdom of the five mis- sionaries who were the Aucas in Ecuador and the successful entrance of Rachel Saint and Elisa- beth Elliot. Why were they able to work among the Aucas?
3. What is the nature of the prevalent re- gion in Latin America? (Relate here the legend of "Our Lady of Guadalupe.")

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4. What work is our own church doing in Latin America? (At least one member should give a special report. Consult your minister or missionary chairman.)

Our Lady of Guadalupe

More than 400 years ago, a poor Indian peon had a vision in which an Indian virgin is said to have spoken to him. She asked him to build a church in her honor, and she left an impression of her likeness on his cloak. The Catholic Church was built in Guadalupe, and the cloak is on display in it. Every Christmas people gather at the church building for a celebration which in- cludes a carnival.

Illustrated Talk

Have a map of Spanish Honduras. Place the facts stated below on pieces of paper and give them to different members. As you call for them and each reads his paper, place them on the margin of the map.

Area: 43,277 square miles

Population: 1,822,018

Capital: Tegucigalpa

Topography: ranges of mountains with well-wooded table lands and fertile valleys

Climate: The torrid climate varies with the altitude, ranging in temperature from 73° to 88°. The seasons are dry and rainy.

Chief exports: bananas, coffee, silver, gold, lumber, livestock, tobacco, coconuts, and beans

Independence Day: September 15

National flag: three horizontal stripes. The middle one is white, and the two outer ones are blue. There are five blue stars on the white stripe.

Government: democratic, republic, and representative

Transportation: There are three railways. Many bridges are washed away during the rainy season. Due to the many mountains, there are 70 airports.

Education: free and compulsory for ages 7-15. There is still much illiteracy.

Religion: Ancient relics of Indians give an evidence of a belief in the ancient gods. The Maya deities are believed to govern the weather and crops. Pagan practices are in evidence in the interior.

The Spanish brought Catholicism, and the Protestant religions entered in the late 19th century. Today there are a number of these groups which have an annual gather- ing showing a united effort of Protestants to face incoming cults.

Among the mission groups are the Con- servative Baptists, Friends, Mennonites, Moravians, Southern Baptists, Church of God, Four Square, Assemblies of God, Evangelical and Reformed, Missionary Avi- ation Fellowship, Plymouth Brethren, and Catholics.

Mission groups promote evangelism, hos- pital work, primary schools, agriculture schools, normal schools, and Bible schools.

Then as the following places are men- tioned, place a dot or mark at the places on the map.

La Ceiba: There is a mission bookstore here as well as radio broadcasts.

Tegucigalpa: There is a Bible school here.

Tela: The mayor of this city is a pastor. The following incident occurred between Tela and LaCeiba.

The missionary was making his weekly visits using this train route. The second train stop is San Francisco, where he had attended a dedicatory service. Several times he had bought bananas, 10 or 12, for five cents, but this time he did not see them. Then he heard a voice asking if he knew him. Here was a young man he had seen at the dedication service. When he learned that the missionary was looking for some bananas, he climbed over the brake coup- ling, and soon returned with both hands full of bananas for which he would not take any pay. Yet the young man did not have a pair of shoes on, and his clothing was tattered. The missionary thought of the widow's mite.

Silent Meditation

Suppose you had been an Indian when the white people came and took the land. How would you have responded?

Suppose you had been born an Auca. Would you have done as Dayuma, who is helping Rachel Saint to win her tribe?

If God were to call you to work in Latin America, what would your answer be?

Are you letting your light shine for Christ where you are each day?

Are you daily counting your blessings and not your wants?

Comments by Miss Erma L. Funk of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, an elementary schoolteacher, a United Brethren in Christ pastor, and a former missionary in Sierra Leone

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for November, 1961. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate)

Daily Readings

M. Oct. 30 A Youth Sold Genesis 37:15-28
 T. Oct. 31 A Good Youth Among Evil Companions I Samuel 3:11-21
 W. Nov. 1 A Teen-Age King Seeks God II Chronicles 34:1-7
 T. Nov. 2 A Faithful Youth II Kings 5:1-5
 F. Nov. 3 A Trustworthy Youth Acts 23:12-22
 S. Nov. 4 Youth—Be Strong! I Timothy 4:12-16
 Sun., Nov. 5—Topic: Teens Are Targets Daniel 1:8-21
 M. Nov. 6 Strength to Run Isaiah 40:28-31
 T. Nov. 7 Teamwork Exodus 4:27-31
 W. Nov. 8 Beware of Covetousness Joshua 7:19-26
 T. Nov. 9 Wrong Companionship Genesis 13:10-13
 F. Nov. 10 Vanities in Riches Ecclesiastes 5:9-17
 S. Nov. 11 Heroes of the Cross Hebrews 11:32-40
 Sun., Nov. 12—Topic: How They Run! Hebrews 12:1,2
 M. Nov. 13 God's Promises Proverbs 3:1-10
 T. Nov. 14 Will a Man Rob God? Malachi 3:8-12
 W. Nov. 15 Spiritual Gifts That Are Ours I Corinthians 12:1-14
 T. Nov. 16 Material Blessings Matthew 6:25-34
 F. Nov. 17 God's Gift of Mercy Romans 11:29-36
 S. Nov. 18 God Gives II Corinthians 9:6-15
 Sun., Nov. 19—Topic: Freely Ye Have Received . . . Matthew 10:8; Romans 8:32; I Corinthians 2:12
 M. Nov. 20 Missionaries Sent Forth Acts 13:1-5
 T. Nov. 21 Missionaries to the Gentiles Acts 13:44-49
 W. Nov. 22 The Gospel in Europe Acts 16:9-15
 T. Nov. 23 "All the Earth" Psalm 98:1-9
 F. Nov. 24 God's World Isaiah 40:18-26
 S. Nov. 25 God's Universal Purpose Ephesians 3:8-13
 Sun., Nov. 26—Topic: The Christian Mission in Latin America Matthew 28:18-20

Senior High-Young People's

Daily Readings

M. Oct. 30 Dwell in Peace Isaiah 32:16-18
 T. Oct. 31 The Lord Gives Peace Numbers 6:24-26
 W. Nov. 1 Blessedness Out of Persecution II Corinthians 4:8-18
 T. Nov. 2 The Gospel of Peace Romans 10:14-18
 F. Nov. 3 Seek Agreement Quickly Luke 12:54-59
 S. Nov. 4 Love One Another I John 4:4-8
 Sun., Nov. 5—Topic: In the Presence of Our Enemies Psalm 23; Romans 12:14-21
 M. Nov. 6 Give Thanks—For Bread Mark 8:1-9
 T. Nov. 7 Give Thanks—For Friends Acts 28:13-16
 W. Nov. 8 Give Thanks—For His Gift II Corinthians 9:6-15
 T. Nov. 9 Give Thanks—For His Grace I Corinthians 1:1-4
 F. Nov. 10 Give Thanks—For Victory Romans 8:31-39
 S. Nov. 11 Give Thanks—To the Lord I Chronicles 16:7-11
 Sun., Nov. 12—Topic: Power of a Thankful Spirit I Thessalonians 5:14-28
 M. Nov. 13 Truth Makes for Freedom John 8:28-32
 T. Nov. 14 Slaves to Sin Romans 6:14-18
 W. Nov. 15 Paul's Personal Liberty I Corinthians 9:1-5
 T. Nov. 16 Christian Freedom Galatians 4:30-5:1
 F. Nov. 17 Limits of Liberty Romans 14:16-21
 S. Nov. 18 Voluntary Bondage I Corinthians 9:16-19
 Sun., Nov. 19—Topic: Liberty But Not License II Corinthians 3:1-18
 M. Nov. 20 Missionaries Sent Forth Acts 13:1-3
 T. Nov. 21 Missionaries to the Gentiles Acts 13:44-49
 W. Nov. 22 The Gospel in Europe Acts 16:9-15
 T. Nov. 23 "All the Earth" Psalm 96
 F. Nov. 24 One God, One World Isaiah 45:18-25
 S. Nov. 25 God's Universal Purpose Ephesians 3:8-13
 Sun., Nov. 26—Topic: The Christian Mission in Latin America Matthew 28:18-20

COMING EVENT For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences scheduled to be held during the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

OCTOBER

- 7-8—Great Lakes Regional Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 7-9—Ontario, Hamilton
- 13-15—Southern Regional Conference, Monrovia, North Carolina

NOVEMBER

- 3-5—Missouri, Cape Girardeau
- 30-December 3—Executives' Program Council, Columbus, Ohio

JUNIOR CE MEETINGS The Quarterly for Junior

Topics for NOVEMBER

- Nov. 5 Getting Acquainted with Latin America Matthew 25:31-46
- Nov. 12 Let's Do Something about It! Matthew 20:20-28
- Nov. 19 "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord" Psalm 107:1; Colossians 3:15-17
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This attractive Christian Endeavor exhibit at the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Grand Rapids in April was made possible through the cooperative efforts of the Grand Rapids Unions, the Michigan Union, and the International Society. Betty Higgins of Grand Rapids (shown above) coordinated the exhibit.

"Building the Church" was the theme of a year-long study project for Junior Endeavorers of the Belo Jardim Church in Brazil, part of the Brazil Christian Mission. Fifteen children participated, studying the fundamentals of the church from the scriptural authority for its name to its ordinances, financing, music, requirements for becoming a Christian, and the necessity for Christian growth. In the handwork period a model church was built. In April the older members of this group were promoted to the Senior society and the young ones have begun a new program of Bible training. Miss Ruth Spurgeon is sponsor.

Very attractive printed programs were prepared by the Senior Society of Emmanuel Reformed Church in Chicago, Illinois, for their third annual Coronation Banquet in June. Gary Dykman was president of this group 1960-61 with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hommes as sponsors. Banquet speaker was Rev. Dan Ankerberg.

These Pennsylvania Endeavorers celebrated the 30th anniversary of their journey on the "Golden Jubilee Special" train to the 1931 International convention in San Francisco, California, by spending June 16-18 together at the Pocono Mountains. These reunions are yearly events.



Delegates at the International Convention in Chicago July 5-8 included representatives from Guatemala, Germany, Australia, Ireland, England, and Scotland, in addition to thousands from the United States and from Canada.

During the convention 342 decision blanks were filled out by delegates, with 1,098 different decisions recorded, as follows:

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Members of the Chicago Convention Choir, directed by Rev. Edward S. Nelson, came from 20 churches in the Chicago area. Accompanist was Mrs. Harold Postmus. The choir sang at each evening session.

At the Thursday evening session Dr. Daniel A. Poling, World's Union president, honored the wives of four International Society presidents—Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, Mrs. Earle W. Gates, Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows, and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling—and Mrs. J. J. Westerhoff, the mother of General Secretary Harold Westerhoff.



Erma L. Funk, an elementary school teacher at Quincy, Pennsylvania, and pastor of Mt. Tabor Church, is a new writer of topic comments for Junior High Christian Endeavor societies. She has spent nine years as a missionary of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Sierra Leone.

Saturday night, September 9, was Christian Endeavor night at the recent Billy Graham Philadelphia Crusade.

Over 6,000 Endeavorers attended the annual convention of the German Union held in Hamburg this summer. The meeting was marked by evangelical, Bible-centered messages and lively song-fests. Guests were present from other European countries, North America, South America, and South Africa. There are about 30,000 Endeavorers in Germany.



Observers at the North American Ecumenical Youth Assembly in Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 16-23 representing the International Society are (left to right) Delno W. Brown, educational secretary; Kenneth Bensema of Illinois; DeLoris Pouncey of Washington, D.C.; Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary; Mrs. Bobby Adams of North Carolina; and Melvin Modderman of Michigan.

For the first time the North Carolina Union held three separate age-group conferences this summer, all at the union's Crestmont Assembly Grounds. Over 50 Juniors met June 23-24 with the theme "Stand Up for Jesus." Young people convened July 17-21 under the theme "I Choose Jesus." The program included a Bible conference based on the book of James, a leadership conference, workshops on drama and music, and vespers based on the thought of "Finding God." Highlighting the week's activities was a "Set Your Sails" banquet. An adult-alumni conference July 21-23 rounded out the summer's activities. This group used the theme "Give God the Praise."

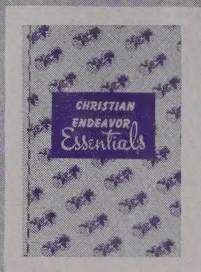
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These eager Junior Highs were just a part of the more than 700 delegates at Pennsylvania's Summer Assembly at Grove City this July. Also included were 60 Juniors who attended full time, as well as high schoolers, young people, and adults.

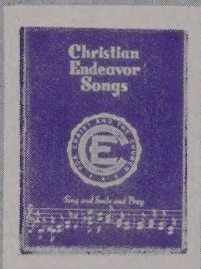




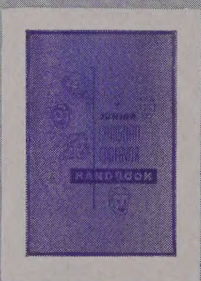
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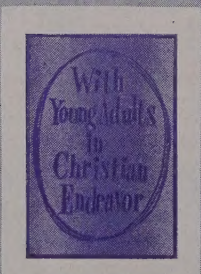
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